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# Profile

**Previously**

Otoumi was introduced to Yukari as Ryouko's "boyfriend," and Yukari was introduced to Otoumi as her "friend". They once went to school together in Tokyo. In the blink of an eye, they've already known each other for over 5 years. The entire time, the two were able to maintain an easy, open friendship. But recently, this relationship seems to have undergone a change. Otoumi began to realize his feelings for Yukari, and Yukari also slowly discovered the change in Otoumi. One day, Otoumi bumped into Uchiyama, a man who once confessed to him during college. To confirm his own feelings, Otoumi asked Uchiyama to kiss him. When Yukari found out, he was angry and confused. As a result, he started to wonder if he also likes Otoumi?

涼子
RYOUKO

Otoumi's ex-girlfriend. She's currently good friends with both.

内山
UCHIYAMA

Otoumi's college classmate. He confessed to Otoumi during graduation but was rejected. They met again through work.

音海 紘
OTOUMI KOU

After graduating college, he is currently working at a design company. He often works overtime. Because he isn't good at expressing himself, he is often mistaken as a cold person.

矢島 緑
YAJIMA YUKARI

His dream is to open his own cafe, so he dropped out of college and is currently working on it. He may look like a careless guy but he's actually a very serious person who isn't good at rejecting people.

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第6話

ディア・グリーン

# 瞳の追うのは

When you think
that someone else is
being insensitive,

is it actually
because you're being
too sensitive yourself?

My entire being...
Is affected by his smallest actions and words
HEY
YUKARI
MM...?
WHAT AM I IN YOUR WAY TO THE BATHROOM?
WHAT TIME IS IT RIGHT NOW...?
WHY ARE YOU AT MY PLACE?
HOW DID YOU GET IN...
5H
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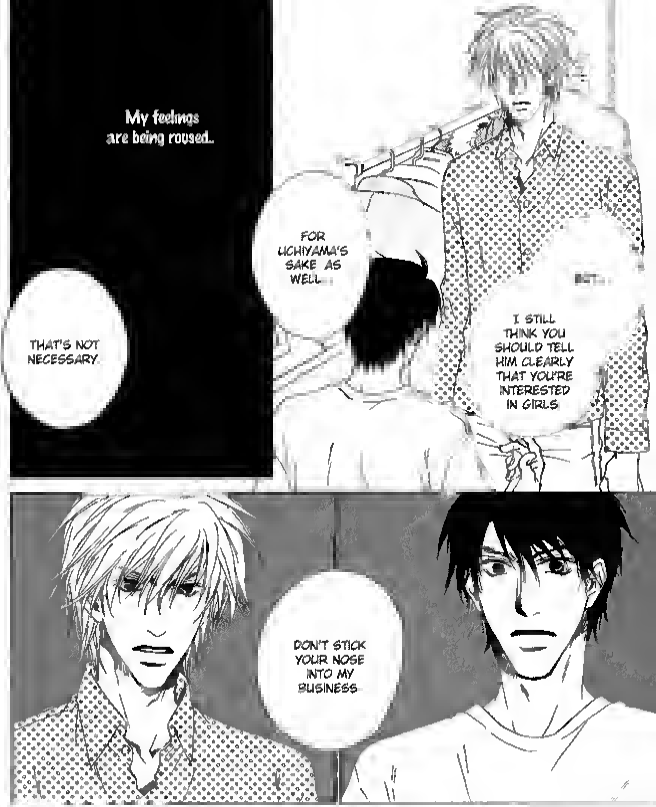
WHEN I CALLED YOU LAST NIGHT, A GUY NAMED UCHIYAMA PICKED UP
HE SAID YOU WERE REALLY DRUNK SO I CAME TO CHECK UP ON YOU...
AFTER I TOOK OVER, UCHIYAMA-KUN LEFT...
THEN.
WHY DID YOU STAY?

THAT UCHIYAMA GUY
IS HE THE ONE WHO CONFESSED TO YOU?
EH ? OH. YEAH.
DID HE GET YOU DRUNK?
NO, I ASKED HIM TO GO DRINKING WITH ME.
Sigh.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
WHY
EVEN IF YOUR SENSE IS A LITTLE SCREWED UP.
YOU STILL SHOULD'VE REALIZED IT!
WHAT?
YOU'RE TOO UNGUARDED

YOU MAY HAVE REJECTED HIM,
BUT YOU STILL KISSED HIM ON A WHIM
WHAT'S MORE, YOU ASKED HIM OUT TO DRINK. YOU MIGHT NOT THINK THAT MEANS ANYTHING BUT MOST PEOPLE WOULD EXPECT MORE, YOU KNOW?
YOU EVEN GOT DRUNK IN FRONT OF HIM AND HAD HIM TAKE YOU HOME.
IF THIS ISN'T BEING UNGUARDED THEN WHAT IS IT?
...DID YOU STAY TO TELL ME ALL THAT?
I WANTED TO WARN YOU!!
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE GUTS TO DO ANYTHING NOW,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DO THINGS THAT'LL MAKE HIM MISUNDERSTAND
IF YOU HAD A GIRLFRIEND YOU COULD AT LEAST USE THAT AS AN EXCUSE...

SLAM!
STAY RIGHT THERE! I'M NOT DONE YET!
RELAX... UCHIYAMA WON'T DO ANYTHING TO ME.
YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU!?
HEY...
I know this is just an excuse....
I can't help but call him insensitive.
But after stirring up all these feelings in me...
WHAT "GIRLFRIEND"?
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS AT ALL.

I JUST REMEMBERED THIS, BUT...
DIDN'T YOU ASK ME ABOUT MIURA BEFORE?
IF YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN HER,
I COULD INTRODUCE HER TO YOU...
HUH? I'M JUST CONTINUING OUR CONVERSATION.
OF COURSE, MIURA HAS TO BE OKAY WITH IT, TOO...
.....
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS UP?


My feelings are being roused..
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.
FOR UCHIYAMA'S SAKE AS WELL...
BUT...
I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD TELL HIM CLEARLY THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GIRLS.
DON'T STICK YOUR NOSE INTO MY BUSINESS.

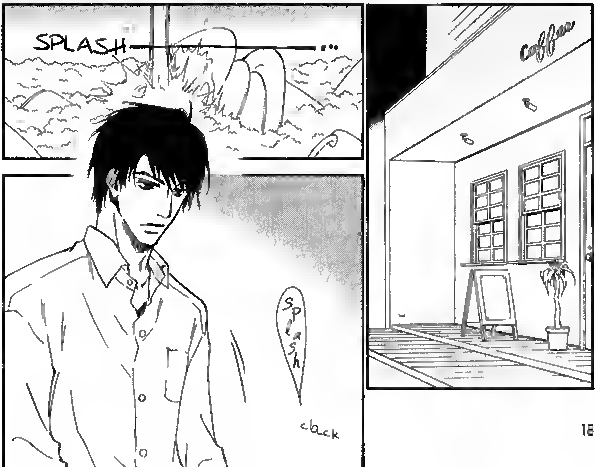
WHAT...
WAIT...
OTO...!?
NN...
MM...!
bang
kiss

!!
YOU...
EVEN IF MY PARTNER ISN'T FEMALE... I DON'T MIND

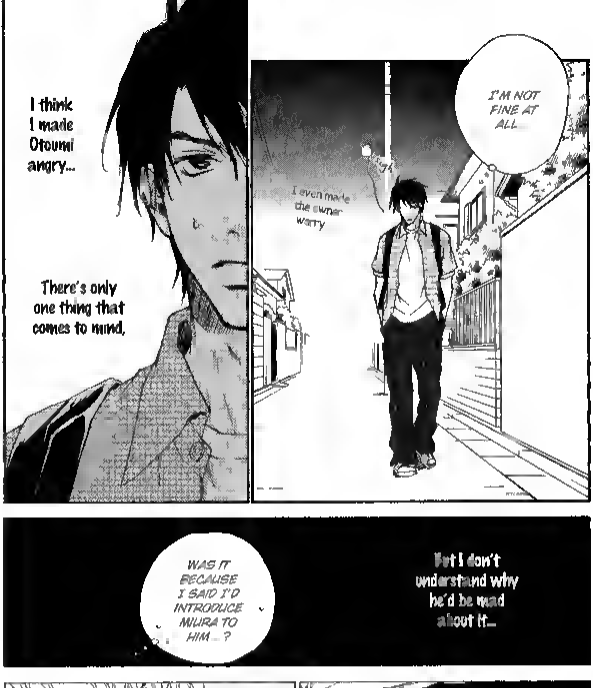
STOP WORRYING ABOUT NEEDLESS THINGS.
YOU SHOULD GET BACK TO THE CAFE.
IF YOU GET IT, LEAVE.
I HAVE TO GET READY FOR WORK TOO.

His actions, words.
His entire existence
is affecting me.

I can't keep my
composure...



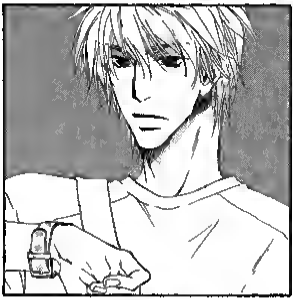
THAT PLATE...
YOU DON'T NEED TO CLEAN IT THAT MUCH.
EH?
AH...! SORRY.
YAJIMA-KUN.
UM... I'M FINE.
SORRY.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF IT SINCE YESTERDAY.

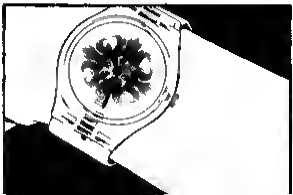

I think I made Otoumi angry...
There's only one thing that comes to mind,
I even made the owner worry
I'M NOT FINE AT ALL...
WAS IT BECAUSE I SAID I'D INTRODUCE MIURA TO HIM...?
But I don't understand why he'd be mad about it...
"Even if my partner isn't female, I don't mind."
I don't even know who he's referring to
I still don't understand his intentions.

I can't even think straight anymore.
That feeling...
I know I can't figure out the answer on my own like this...
But I can't stop dwelling on it, either.
rub rub
I GUESS...
I'D BETTER CALL OTOUMI FOR A CLEAR ANSWER
SUN CREATE

CLICK
OKAY.
YOU CAN GO HOME.
slump...
AFTER YOU'VE FILED THE ORDER FOR THE EXPORTS,

GOOD WORK
GOOD WORK.
I'LL COME TO WORK TOMORROW AFTER I MAIL THIS





Ring
beep
I'M NOT HOME AT THE MOMENT PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE
THIS IS YAJIMA.
UM... YOU'RE NOT BACK FROM WORK YET...?
GIVE ME A CALL LATER IF YOU CAN. THANKS
Ding Dong—
CLACK
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DID YOU GET MY MESSAGE ALREADY?
NO WAY...
EH?
EH? HUH!?
OTOUMI?
.....
DID YOU CALL ME?
OH. I JUST LEFT ONE..
WE CAN JUST TALK HERE.
NO NEED. I'M GOING TO LEAVE RIGHT AFTER THIS.
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
COME IN FIRST.

WHAT...
DID YOU THINK ABOUT YESTERDAY?
WHAT DID I... UM...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DID THAT OF COURSE.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE I MADE YOU MAD...
BUT WHAT I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW IT CAME TO THAT

REALLY?
EH?
.....
YOU DIDN'T FIND IT GROSS DOING THAT WITH ME?
I DIDN'T REALLY THINK ABOUT THAT...
THAT'S GOOD..

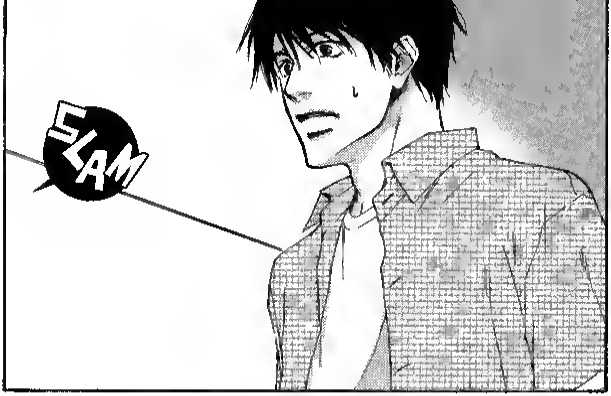
HON-ESTLY...!
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!?
THEN I'M LEAVING
HEY—
WAIT, OTOUMI!
DON'T JUST END THE CONVERSATION ON YOUR OWN!

I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL!
IF THIS CONTINUES I'LL FEEL BAD ABOUT IT TOO!
IF YOU'RE MAD AT ME ABOUT SOMETHING, I WON'T UNDERSTAND UNTIL YOU TELL ME!
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT, YOU CAN STILL TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT!
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BECOME SO UNEXPRESSIVE?
ARE YOU REALLY
ANGRY AT ME ABOUT SOMETHING...?

...
...YES, I'M ANGRY
BUT IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT

His actions,
His words,

CLICK
His existence itself




Constantly repeating...
Constantly remembering...

When I finally
realized it,

He had already
taken over my heart

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NO NEW MESSAGES
BEEP
THIS IS YAJIMA
UM YOU'RE NOT BACK FROM WORK YET ?
GIVE ME A CALL LATER IF YOU CAN THANKS
IT IS NOW 25:05
.....
WE JUST SAW EACH OTHER...
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DAMN IT
thump
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!

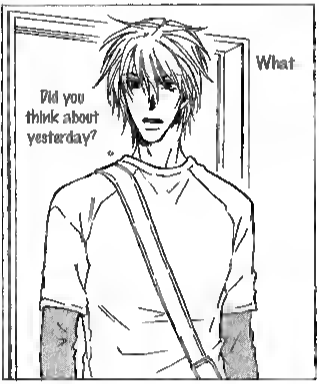
第7話

It's been a little over a week...
Since Otoumi came to my place
Something like this...
was fairly common up until now
If I count the days, it actually hasn't been that long...
WHAT?
YOU'RE COMING OVER NOW? BUT WE'RE CLOSING...

WHAT'S WRONG, MIURA?
I CAN'T STAND THEM!
click
SHINO-CHAN AND YOUKO-CHAN SAID THEY'RE COMING OVER RIGHT NOW
EH?
IT'LL BE QUICK? WAIT...
SHINO-CHAN!
SHINO-HARA?
Why?
THEY SAID THEY WANT TO ASK YOU A FAVOR
THEY'LL BE HERE IN A BIT,
SO THEY ASKED ME TO HOLD YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

Kya
ACTUALLY...
WE WERE HOPING...
THAT YOU'D INTRODUCE OTOUMI-SAN TO US AGAIN ♡
Hehe.
Kya
on the way back from drinking again.
INTRO-DUCE...?
BUT...
WE THOUGHT HE ALREADY HAD A GIRL-FRIEND
BUT AYA SAID HE DIDN'T, SO...
YOUKO COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM AFTERWARDS
SO...
IT'S BEEN OVER A MONTH
I DON'T KNOW IF HE DOES NOW, YOU KNOW.
EH!?
THAT WAS BACK THEN WASN'T IT?
ASSUMING HE'S NOT GOING OUT WITH ANYONE RIGHT NOW...

JUST ONCE IS ENOUGH! JUST SET UP A TIME FOR US TO MEET
CAN YOU?
WILL YOU?
UM...
SHOCK
IT CAN'T BE...
HE ALREADY HAS A GIRLFRIEND?
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT, BUT...
SORRY

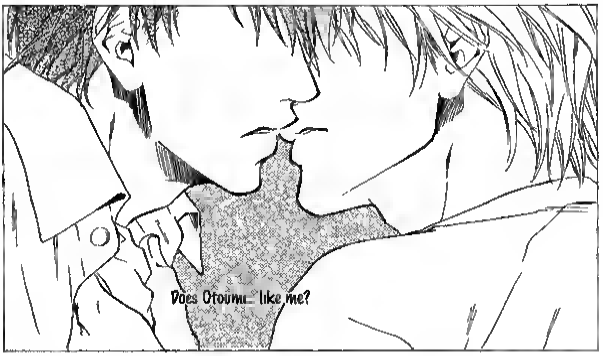


DO YOU THINK
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I ASKED OTOJIMI HIMSELF WHAT HE WANTED TO DO?
EH? BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY HE ISN'T INTO INTRODUCTIONS LIKE THAT?

Every time I have nothing to do, my thoughts drift back to that

Though my thoughts start going around in circles sometimes, I always go back to one thing in the end

THOSE GIRLS WERE BEING TOO PUSHY IN THE FIRST PLACE
THEY DIDN'T THINK YOU'D TURN THEM DOWN SO THEY WERE JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT



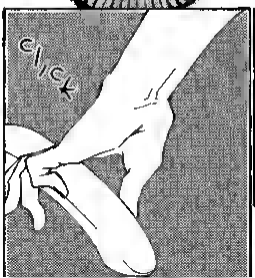
But at the same time, I feel like I'm thinking too much...
I get the feeling that I'm right.
MAYBE...
I REALLY AM THINKING TOO MUCH
OTOUMI WENT OUT WITH GIRLS BEFORE
AND BESIDES, WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS NOW
EVEN SO...
TO JUST START FEELING THAT WAY TOWARDS MEN ALL OF A SUDDEN

If I keep thinking about this,

Time will just keep passing by.

There hasn't been...

A single call from Otouni



ring ring
beep
HELLO?
AH...
OTOUMI?
Ah...
ARE YOU FREE TO TALK RIGHT NOW?
IT'S ME, YAGIMI...
UM...
YES...
Ah...
I don't know how to say it...
IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT.
...YEAH.
ONE OF THEM SUDDENLY CAME OVER TODAY,
AND ASKED ME TO INTRODUCE HER TO YOU AGAIN.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE GIRLS WHO CAME TO THE STORE LAST TIME?
SOME OF THEM WERE MY FRIENDS FROM COLLEGE.

EH!? NO...
I ALREADY REFUSED
SO YOU WANT ME TO SEE THEM AGAIN...?
THEN WHY ARE YOU CALLING?
UH... I JUST
THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER TO TELL YOU...
.....
.....
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE...?
EH?
IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY?
OH...
UM...
I SHOULD'VE PRACTICED THIS FIRST...
IF THERE'S NOTHING THEN I'M HANGING UP
AH! WAIT!
HOLD ON!
UH...
CAN I COME OVER RIGHT NOW?
HUH?

...RIGHT NOW?
UM... IS IT INCONVENIENT?
DO YOU HAVE WORK TOMORROW EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE WEEKEND...?
NO... I HAVE OFF.
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE WORK TOMORROW?
I DO, BUT...
AH... SO NO?
...WHATEVER.
IF YOU WANT TO COME, THEN COME...
...THEN I'M COMING NOW.
A strange awkwardness...

But...
I don't want it to end just like this...
I am

It's not like we're childhood friends,
But the time we've known each other...
Hasn't been short, either.
That's probably why I feel like this now...
If we don't meet now, I'll definitely regret it.

No matter what the circumstances were, I always felt comfortable around him.
HEY.
YEAH.
ding dong—
Even if we suddenly lapsed into silence, I didn't get nervous.
There was no need to show off in our conversations.

What I'm afraid of... is that this relationship will disappear.

I SEE...
IT'S ALRIGHT.
EVEN IF YOU DID ASK ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ANYWAY
SHOULD I HAVE ASKED YOU BEFORE DECIDING THINGS ON MY OWN?
ABOUT WHAT I JUST SAID...

Even if it becomes unsettling or awkward...

No matter what form our relationship takes,

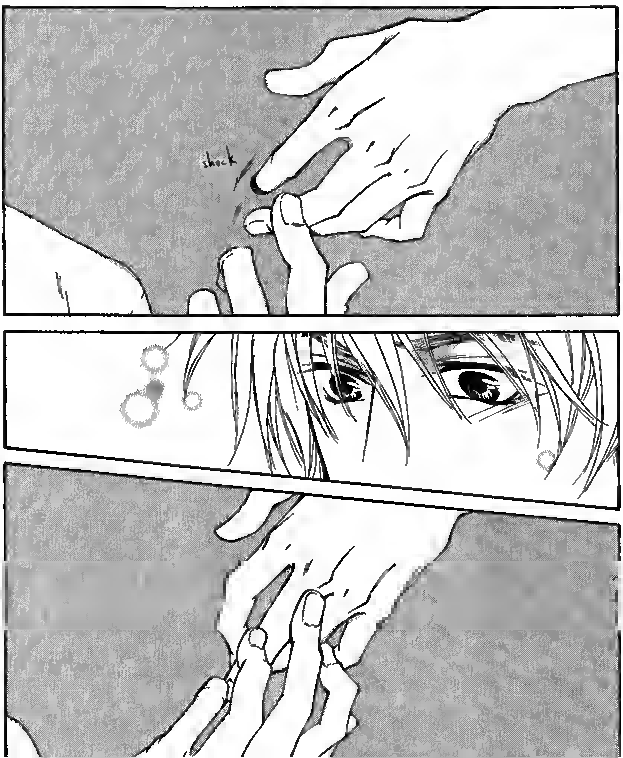
What I'm afraid of is that it'll no longer be there at all.

THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE.
kick
I've come to realize this... because of the time we've spent together
Isn't this what you're thinking as well...?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO USE MY HAND, DO YOU?
sneak
WHY DID YOU KICK ME?

creak
.....
(rap)

Whatever form it takes..

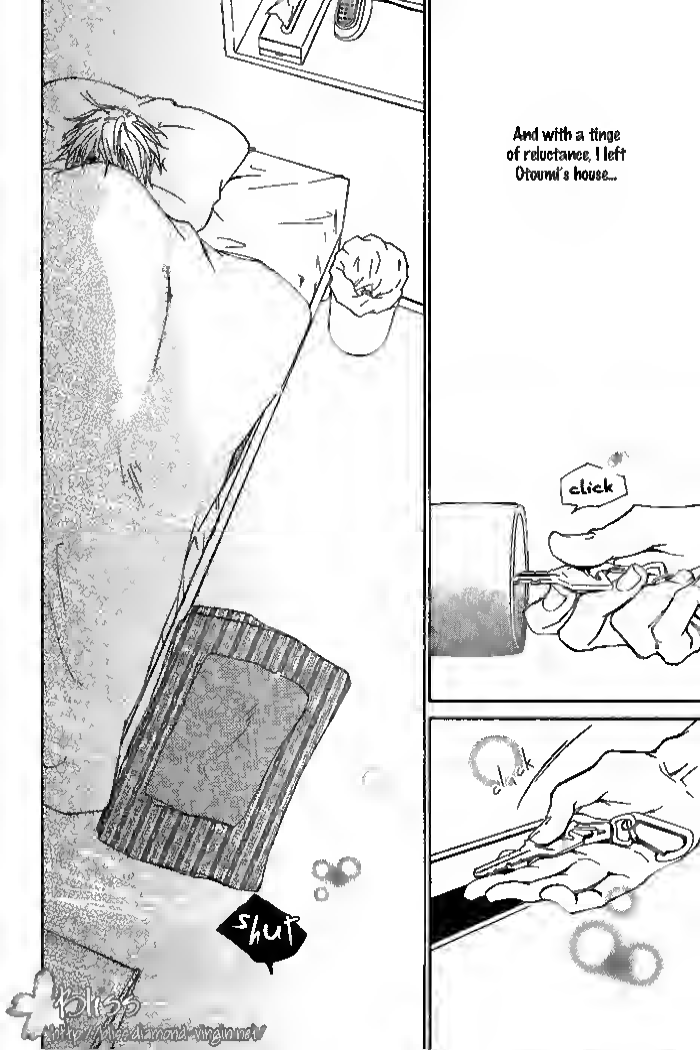
You don't want our relationship to just disappear either, right?



pull
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, IDIOT
UM...
BECAUSE YOU EXTENDED YOUR HAND

DON'T COPY ME IDIOT...
YOU...

Even though it took me a long time to fall asleep,
The next morning,
I woke up earlier because I had to go home.
cleaned
OTOUMI,
AFTER I LOCK THE DOOR, I'LL DROP THE KEY IN YOUR MAILBOX.
MM...
For about another ten minutes,
The two of us just sat there in silence.
And then I decided to stay over...


And with a tinge of reluctance, I left Otouni's house...
click
shut
click

END

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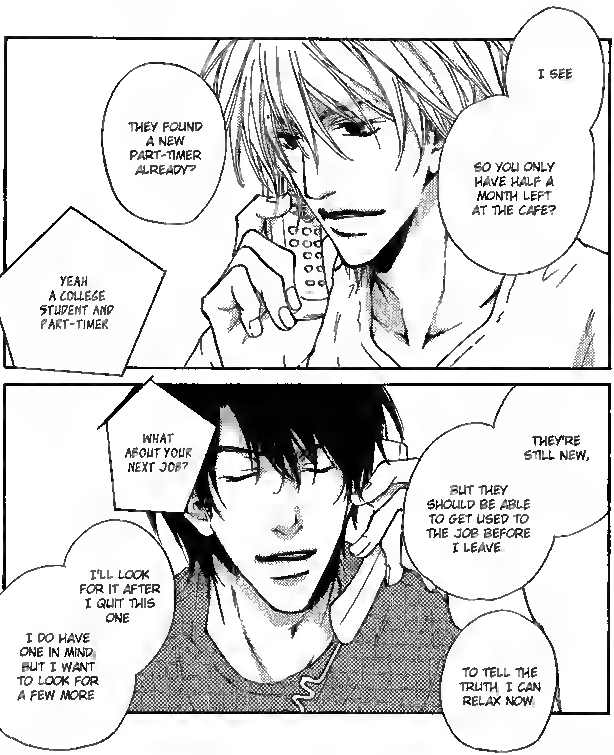
# 瞳の追うのは

# 第8話

Maybe our relationship did change a little.

Even so,

We still talk like we normally do.


I SEE
SO YOU ONLY HAVE HALF A MONTH LEFT AT THE CAFE?
THEY FOUND A NEW PART-TIMER ALREADY?
YEAH A COLLEGE STUDENT AND PART-TIMER
THEY'RE STILL NEW,
BUT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET USED TO THE JOB BEFORE I LEAVE
WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEXT JOB?
I'LL LOOK FOR IT AFTER I QUIT THIS ONE
I DO HAVE ONE IN MIND, BUT I WANT TO LOOK FOR A FEW MORE
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I CAN RELAX NOW.

CAN WE START SUNDAY MORNING INSTEAD?
WE CAN BUT DO YOU HAVE THIS SATURDAY OFF?
SATUR-DAY?
AH SORRY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO THAT DAY
NO.. I STILL HAVE TO WORK AS USUAL
I'LL JUST BE LEAVING EARLY THAT'S ALL
THEN YOU PROBABLY DON'T HAVE TIME DURING THE BREAK..?
YOU MEAN THIS WEEKEND?
I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE ABOUT MY PLANS YET BUT WHAT'S UP?
I RENTED THE ENTIRE FOREIGN DRAMA SET WE TALKED ABOUT LAST TIME
I WANTED TO ASK IF YOU COULD WATCH IT ALL IN ONE GO ON SATURDAY NIGHT
BECAUSE I ALREADY AGREED WITH MIURA..
WHEN YOU WENT TO THE STORE LAST TIME,
YOU SAW THIS REALLY TALL GIRL RIGHT? SHE GAVE US FREE TICKETS FROM HER COMPANY
SHE TOLD US TO GO WATCH IT TOGETHER
RIGHT WE'RE GOING TO SEE A MOVIE THAT DAY
MOVIE?
HM..
OH THAT GIRL NAMED AYA?

WE'LL DO IT ANOTHER TIME
FORGET IT
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE CAN WATCH IT TOGETHER ON SUNDAY MORNING
...BYE
EH?
...IT'S FINE
EH? WAIT OTO...
WON'T IT BE TIRING WATCHING A DRAMA SERIES RIGHT AFTER A MOVIE?
.....
I accidentally reverted to my "normal behavior."
.....?
"That girl named Aya?"
OTOUMI.
CAN'T BE JEALOUS OF MIURA, CAN HE?
I don't know how to react at all.

While measuring the distance between us,

Praying that our relationship won't disappear...

The only thing we can do,

is go back to our "normal behavior."

HAHA. THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

MIURA AND I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP ANYWAY.

YEAH.

I don't even know what I want to do myself...

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.....
roll
roll
HM?
UCHIYAMA?
IT'S OKUMI.
EH...
HELLO?
WHOSE NUMBER IS THIS?
?

EH? WHY... HUH?
WHEN DID I GIVE YOU MY NUMBER?
IT WAS ON YOUR BUSINESS CARD
EH? AH, I SEE...!
Haha...
ARE YOU OUT RIGHT NOW?
YEAH, I'M HEADING TO WORK
YOU WORK ON SATURDAYS TOO?
NEVER MIND THEN...
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NOTHING I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE FREE RIGHT NOW
I have a bad feeling...
EH?
DO YOU WANT TO GO FOR A DRINK?
OKAY
BUT I WON'T BE DONE FOR A WHILE. SO I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL WHEN I LEAVE WORK.
I CAN REACH YOU THROUGH THIS NUMBER, RIGHT?
YEAH. THANKS...

THIS IS DEFINITELY MY WEAKNESS...
I'M STILL HOLDING ONTO MY FEELINGS FOR OTOUMI...
IT'S BECAUSE OF "HIM" AGAIN, ISN'T IT
beep
KITCHIN&BAR
YEAH
BUT WHY DID SHE WANT US TO GO TOGETHER?
SHE COULD'VE JUST GIVEN YOU THE TICKETS SO YOU COULD CHOOSE WHO YOU WANTED TO GO WITH
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO WATCH IT WITH ME?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
WE WERE LUCKY TO GET FREE TICKETS!
WE SHOULD THANK MIKA AGAIN.
THAT MOVIE WAS REALLY GOOD, WASN'T IT?

IT ISN'T EASY TO GET FREE TICKETS,
SO THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE YOU WANTED TO GO WITH, RIGHT?
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ISN'T RIGHT NOW
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
UP UNTIL RECENTLY, I USED TO LIKE YOU, YAJIMA
MMPH!
MIKA PROBABLY REALIZED IT.
SO SHE INTENTIONALLY ASKED US TO GO TOGETHER
EH?
UH... UM...
LET ME SAY THIS FIRST! IT WAS IN THE PAST!
That's
IF YOU DIDN'T BREAK UP WITH KANA-CHAN,
I MIGHT'VE STILL LIKED YOU NOW.

... DO YOU STILL REMEMBER BEFORE CHRISTMAS
WHEN I ARGUED WITH YOU OVER WHAT HAPPENED WITH KANA-CHAN?
UM, THANKS
DON'T THANK ME FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
THAT TIME,
YOU SAID THAT YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY SPEND PART OF YOUR WORKING TIME ON YOUR "GIRLFRIEND."
AFTER HEARING THAT,
I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE THE WORST.
SO...

YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO, AND YOU WORK HARD FOR IT
YOU MAKE A REALLY GOOD FRIEND
BUT AS A BOYFRIEND,
SOMETIMES, YOU NEED TO BECOME AN IDIOT
THAT ACTUALLY SPENDS TIME ON THINGS FOR YOUR OWN SAKE
NORMALLY, YOU WOULD'VE AT LEAST TRIED TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER. THEN KANA-CHAN MIGHT'VE ACCEPTED IT
BUT THE WAY YOU WERE BEFORE YOU'D NEVER TRY TO DO THAT.
I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU WERE AT FAULT
BESIDES, THE SAME THING PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITH ME.
I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU ALREADY?
I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD SAY IT CLEARLY!
GETTING REJECTED LIKE THAT REALLY HURTS, YOU KNOW...
I EVEN CAME OVER TO LISTEN TO YOUR COMPLAINTS I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
SORRY...
DON'T APOLOGIZE TO ME!!
YOUR REJECTION IS TOO DIRECT!
OH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
IF A CONFESSION DOESN'T WORK, THEN I'LL BE THE ONE TO ACCEPT YOU!
Pass
Raise
Second Meeting

I KNOW THAT YOU NEED COURAGE TO TELL HIM CLEARLY
YEAH, YOU DO NEED COURAGE.
USUALLY, YOU CAN THINK CLEARLY ABOUT THINGS BUT SOMETIMES, YOU START GETTING VAGUE FOR NO REASON.
I THINK... YOU'D BETTER...
BUT...
lift
NUMBER? WHOSE?
stand
THE NUMBER SHOULD BE ON YOUR PHONE, RIGHT?
I NEED TO MAKE A CALL
EH?

HELLO?
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? IT'S UCHIY...MA.
HELLO...? VOICEMAIL?
I'M AT OTOUMI'S PLACE RIGHT NOW.
OH... FOUND IT.
YAJIMA-KUN, RIGHT?
HM, SO HE'S CALLED YUKARI...
HEY... WAIT, UCHIYAMA!!

...IT'S DECIDED.
IF YAJIMA-KUN DOESN'T COME, THEN THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO.
YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY TO COME HERE.
HEY, UCHI--!
IF YOU DON'T COME, I'LL ATTACK OTOUMI.
THAT'S IT. BYE.

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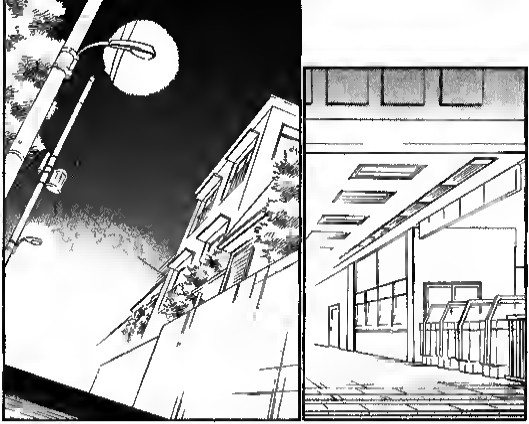

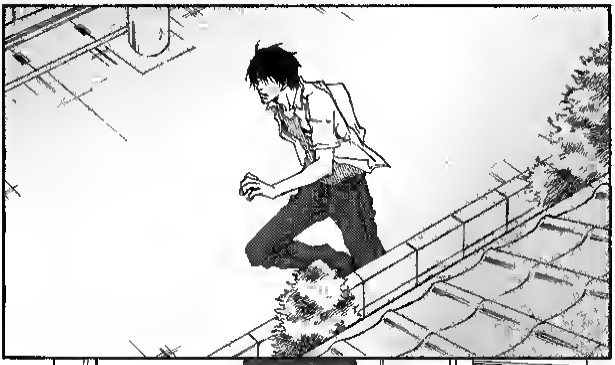

ding dong~
ding dong~
ding dong~
HEY! OTO...!
click
HUH?
THE DOOR'S OPEN.
OASIS

.....
YOU REALLY CAME...
EH...?
OTOUMI...
WHERE'S UCHIYAMA?
HUFF
HE JUST LEFT
EH!?
ARE YOU OKAY?
DID HE DO ANYTHING TO YOU...?
WE KISSED

YUKARI,
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING TO ME
WHAT...!
HUH?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!?
SO HE CONSIDERED IT COMPENSATION
HE SAID THAT HE DOESN'T WANT THIS TO CONTINUE
grab
turn
!!
turn

!
...
DON'T RUN!
WHY!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHY
SMACK

"Why"..?

That's...

What I want
to know

No...

I don't even know
if I want to know
"why" myself.

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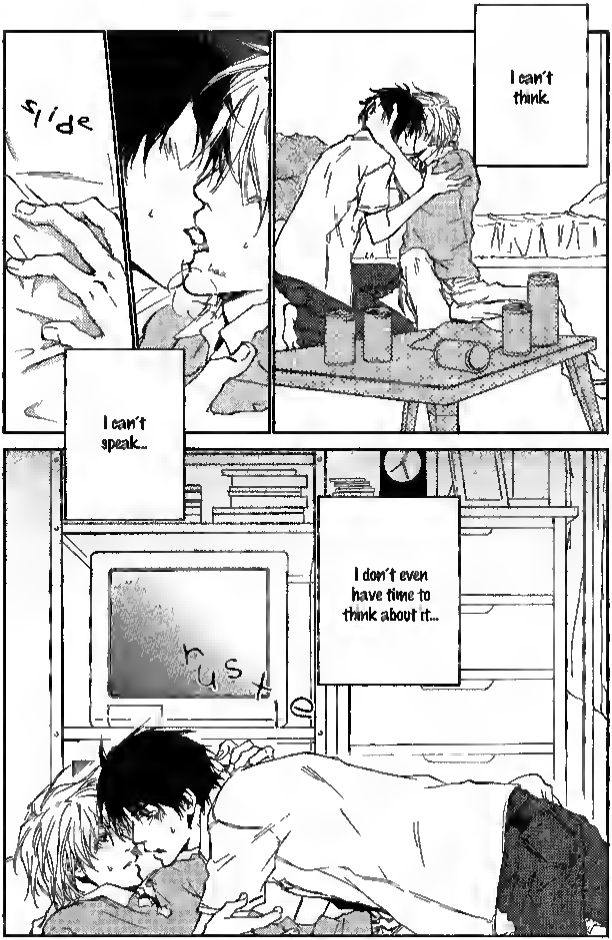
side
I can't think.
I can't speak...
I don't even have time to think about it...
rust

Afterwards, I finally understood that this is what Miura meant by "becoming an idiot."

But back then, my mind was completely blank.

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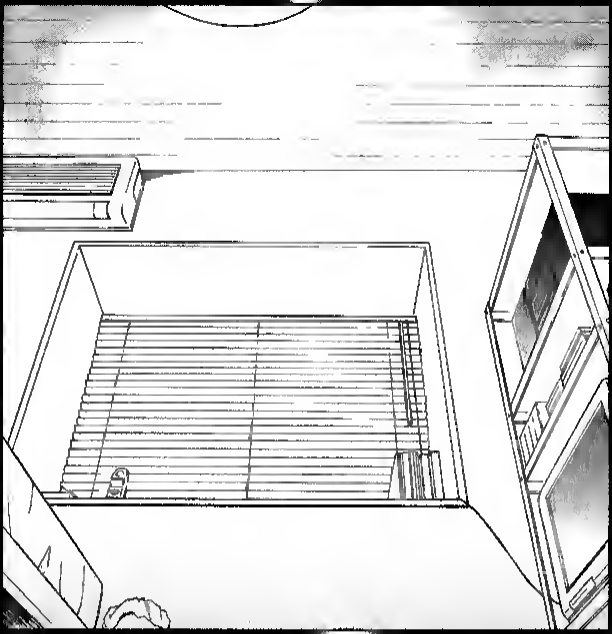

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YOU REEK OF ALCOHOL
SORRY...
HOW MUCH DID YOU DRINK?
JUST LOOK AT THE EMPTY CANS OVER THERE
NN...
DID YOU STAY HERE THE WHOLE
WE WENT OUT AT FIRST...
.....!

!!!!
YUKARI
NN...!
!
HEY... WAIT A SECOND...
UH

shock
Slide
suck
AH
NN
gl-ck

lick
NN...!
OTOUMI...
WAIT!
IT'S HOT...
MUSCLE

click
rustle
rustle
shook
AH...!
kiss
NN...!
MM...

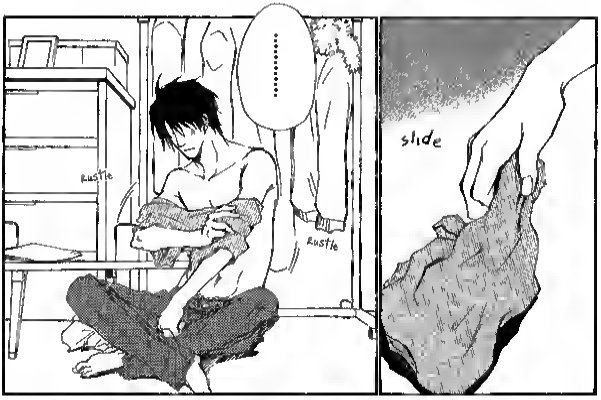
MM...
AH...!
!!
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
NO-THING ....
IT JUST LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY FEELING IT...
lean

AH...
MM...

AH...
AH...
YUKARI.
slide
AH...
NN...
NN...!

AH
NN...
MM...
NN...!
.....
shiver

OH YEAH
THERE RE PROBABLY NO TRAINS COMING ANYMORE
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A SHOWER?
YEAH...
DO YOU WANT TO STAY OVER?
EH? NO...
It's fine
shut
THEN I'M GOING TO TAKE ONE.
OH, OKAY...
YOU CAN SLEEP FIRST.


.....
rustle
rustle
slide

I TOUCHED OTOUMI
AND IT WASN'T JUST TOUCHING BY HAND
AND I EVEN CAME ON
sfx: blush
.....
.....
.....
?

OTOUMI EVEN HAD THAT KIND OF REACTION...
I WASN'T DISGUSTED AT ALL...
ACTUALLY, IT GOT ME ALL EXCITED...
.....
SO...
blush
OTOUMI CAN MAKE THAT KIND OF EXPRESSION, TOO...
drip
drip
WHY DID YOU COME OUT LIKE THAT!?
YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANYTHING!
I FORGOT TO BRING MY CLOTHES AND A TOWEL
drip
drip
drip
drip
THAT WAS QUICK
YOU'RE DONE ALREADY...
click
shock

THAT'S NOT COVERING ANYTHING AT ALL!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT
THIS SHIRT ISN'T THAT BIG
OH, YEAH.
YOU COULD'VE JUST TOLD ME!
rustle
click
rustle
Whoa
Grab
OH...
THANKS.
I TOOK OUT THE FUTON
SFX: FWUMP

HE WANTS ME TO SLEEP ON THE FLOOR LIKE USUAL...?
EH?
DOES THAT MEAN
EH?
BESIDES, THE ATMOSPHERE RIGHT NOW ISN'T REALLY...
I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE HIS BED IS TOO CRAMPED FOR TWO PEOPLE
WELL.
I GUESS
THAT'S IT ISN'T IT?

That night at Otouwi's...

Was probably...

The most nerve-wracking night I ever spent at his house.

My entire being was focused on his breathing.

I even had to be careful when I turned on my side.

Of course, I could also tell...

That I wasn't the only one who was nervous.

So...
Naturally,
It's not that the atmosphere was uncomfortable...
The space we shared was filled with calmness.

Sleep
came over...
zz...
zz...
zz...
Both
of us...

AH...
IT'S ALREADY PAST NOON.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WANT TO GO RENT A MOVIE?
THAT DRAMA SERIES?
IF WE GO NOW WE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE EPISODES THAT WE WANT
Even if they were there, I don't feel like watching it.

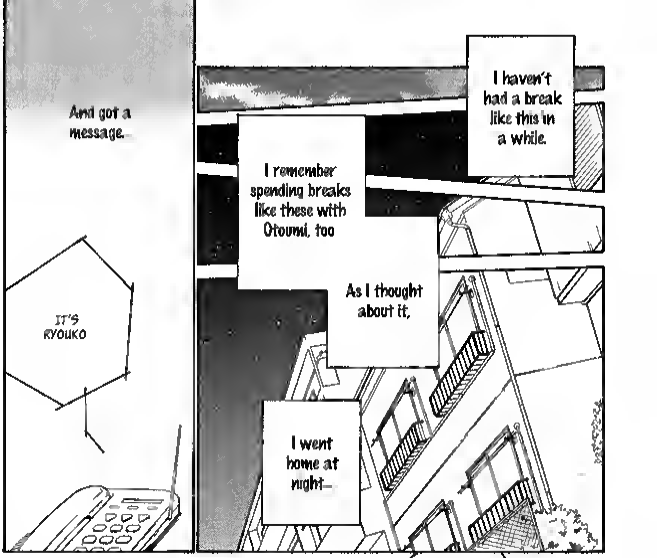
THAT'S TRUE
YEAH...
THEN LET'S GO GRAB LUNCH
YOUR PLACE PROBABLY ONLY HAS DRINKS RIGHT?
THEN LET'S GO!
Stand
SPEAKING OF MONEY...
I WONDER HOW MUCH IS LEFT IN MY WALLET
EH? WHY...?
I HAVE ENOUGH TO GET LUNCH, SO IT'S FINE!
YUKARI
I'LL TREAT YOU THIS TIME
hop

I CAN USE ALL THE MONEY IN MY WALLET...
.....
BUT... WHAT IF YOU USE IT UNTIL THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE LEFT?
ARE'N'T YOU SAVING UP RIGHT NOW?
I KEEP THAT MONEY SEPARATE
OH
SO,
I CAN PAY FOR MYSELF
TSCH

Even though we went out, we didn't eat outside.

We bought some pizza and other things to go with it. Then, we went back to Otoumi's place.

As we talked quietly to pass time, I kissed him again.


I haven't had a break like this in a while.
I remember spending breaks like these with Otoumi, too
As I thought about it,
I went home at night—
And got a message.
IT'S RYOUKO

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON WHEN I'LL BE VISITING YOU GUYS
ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW NIGHT?
I'LL CALL AGAIN GOOD NIGHT!
beep
THE TIME IS 10 17 PM

My friends at work and I decided to go visit over the summer
So I want to see you guys while I'm there.
.....
It'd be great if the three of us could meet up! Can you ask Kou-kun for me, too
CRAP
I TOTALLY FORGOT
I KEPT THINKING I HAVE TO TELL OTOUMI BUT
I FORGOT TO GIVE OTOUMI THE MESSAGE FROM RYOUKO
wasn't that the reason I called him in the first place?
I FEEL LIKE
A LOT HAS HAPPENED
.....

But to Ryouko,
Otouwa was her ex-boyfriend
To me,
Ryouko has been my closest female friend since high school
And last night..
Otouwa and I...
I...
HOW DO I FACE RYOUKO...?

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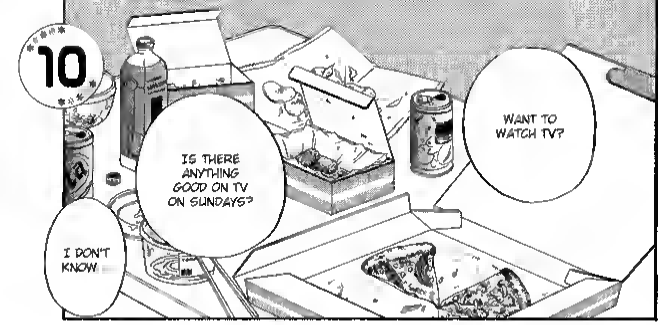


We've spent our days off leisurely like this before, too

REALLY?
THIS MAKES ME SLEEPY...
THEN WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP SOME MORE?
I THINK THAT'S WHAT BREAKS ARE ABOUT...
ISN'T THAT JUST BEING LAZY...?
YOU THINK?

But...

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CAN I BORROW YOUR BED FOR A WHILE?
GO AHEAD I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY
I'm going to read a bit
rub rub
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME?
I FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SLEPT ON THIS BED
creak
THAT DAY WHEN I GOT REALLY DRUNK
OH
AH... I JUST FELT LIKE DOING IT
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY.....
rustle

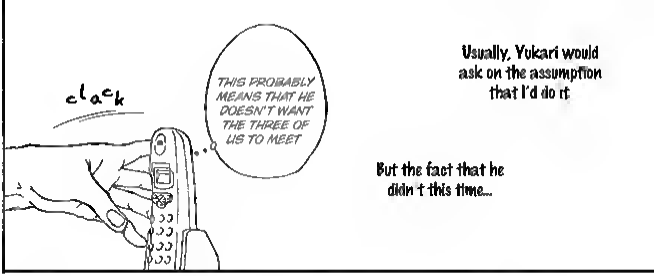
...DID YOU JUST FEEL LIKE DOING THAT, TOO?
UH... UM...
...YOU ACT ON IMPULSE TOO MUCH

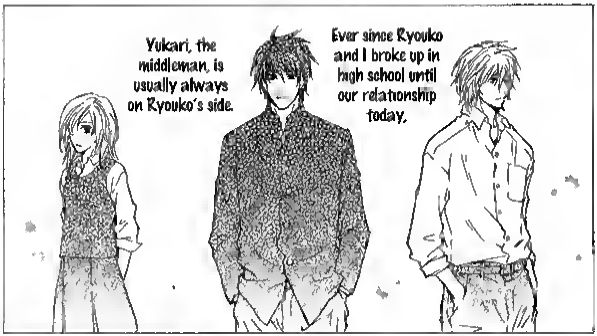
# 第10話

SOMETHING CAME UP WITH THE FRIENDS THAT I'M HERE WITH
SO I'LL BE BY MYSELF FOR A WHILE
SO I WANTED TO ASK... ARE YOU FREE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON?
...AND THAT'S THE SITUATION
RYOUKO CONTACTED ME YESTERDAY...
RYOUKO? SHE'S VISITING?
YEAH
SHE BROUGHT IT UP LAST TIME,
BUT I KEPT FORGETTING TO TELL YOU
Sorry.

If I asked him why he touched me. Would Yukari say that he "just felt like it"...?

SO
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS SATURDAY?
.....
WHAT I'M GOING TO DO ?
DIDN'T SHE WANT ALL THREE OF TO MEET UP?
YEAH.. BUT THIS IS REALLY SUDDEN FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D BE BUSY UNTIL AUGUST?
I TOLD RYOUKO THE SAME, BUT...
IT'S UP TO YOU.
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
I MIGHT HAVE TO WORK ON MY DAY OFF
I don't know if he realizes what he's saying...


clack
THIS PROBABLY MEANS THAT HE DOESN'T WANT THE THREE OF US TO MEET
Usually, Yukari would ask on the assumption that I'd do it
But the fact that he didn't this time...


Yukari, the middleman, is usually always on Ryouko's side.
Ever since Ryouko and I broke up in high school until our relationship today.

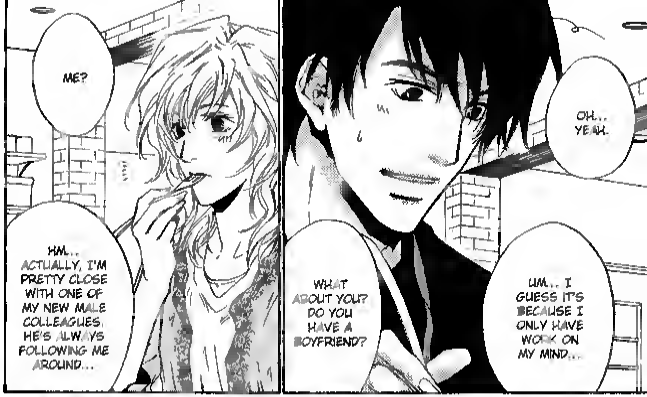
I can pretty much guess what he's thinking.
He probably feels guilty towards Ryouko about our relationship.
IT'S PARTIALLY BECAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO DUMPED HER.
BUT IT'S ALSO BECAUSE...
YUKARI IS THE TYPE TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE TOWARDS GIRLS
He's just like that.

Just because our relationship has changed a little.
Doesn't mean that Yukari's feelings.
Changed with it
HUH? OTOUM!
DID I TELL YOU TO COME IN TODAY?
NO I JUST WANTED TO FINISH UP THE PAMPHLET WE TALKED ABOUT LAST TIME
YOU SURE ARE HARDWORKING THERE SHOULD BE A LOT OF TIME BEFORE THE DEADLINE RIGHT!?
OH, THAT DESIGN

I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY YOU NAKAZAWA-SAN.
You worka-holic
IT'S SATURDAY, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU HAVE A DATE? WHAT A LONELY GUY YOU ARE!
Haha!

YAJIMA, WHAT ARE YOU DAYDREAMING ABOUT?
TIRED? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
NO I'M OKAY SORRY...
IT'S FINE.
I JUST FELT A BIT BAD CALLING YOU OUT.....
YOU SEEM TO BE BUSY

DID YOU STILL REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM?
KOU-KUN COULDN'T MAKE IT TODAY BECAUSE OF WORK, TOO...
What a shame.
OF COURSE
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE'S THE ONLY ONE I HAVEN'T SEEN AT ALL LATELY...
WE HAVEN'T MET FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF...
I DON'T THINK HE'S CHANGED MUCH
ha ha
OR IF HE'S STILL AN AIRHEAD LIKE HE WAS BEFORE.
I WANT TO KNOW IF HE'S GOTTEN MANLIER AFTER STARTING WORK...
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY,
YOU BROKE UP WITH A GIRL LAST WINTER, RIGHT? YOU HAVEN'T GONE OUT WITH ANYONE SINCE?
EH...
OH YEAH
YOU AND KOU-KUN HAVEN'T FOUND GIRLFRIENDS YET?


ME?
HM... ACTUALLY, I'M PRETTY CLOSE WITH ONE OF MY NEW MALE COLLEAGUES. HE'S ALWAYS FOLLOWING ME AROUND...
OH.. YEAH.
UM.. I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE WORK ON MY MIND...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

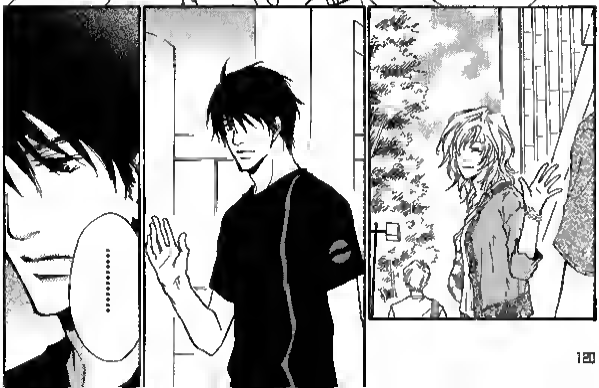
BUT SOMETIMES, IT ALSO FEELS A BIT CONSTRAINING.
Haha!
I GUESS IT'S CUTE WHEN SOMEONE DEPENDS ON YOU.
HE'S NEW, BUT HE JUST GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE SO WE'RE THE SAME AGE
OH?

SORRY...
YAJIMA, AFTER WE'RE DONE HERE, GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP
Ah
GEEZ
YOU'RE STARING OFF INTO SPACE AGAIN!
You make me feel like an idiot

THE PLAIN ONE IS YOURS THE ONE WITH POLKA DOTS IS FOR KOU-KUN
AND HERE SOUVENIRS
SO YOU HAVE TO REFRIG-ERATE IT
I was using a cooler
YOURS IS DRIED SALTED FISH..
ARE THEY DIFFERENT?
IT'S ALRIGHT BUT THE NEXT TIME I COME,
IT HAS TO BE ALL THREE OF US!
I'M SORRY I EVEN MADE YOU WORRY
TELL KOU-KUN FOR ME... OKAY?
I GOT COOKIES FOR KOU-KUN
HE'S PROBABLY TOO LAZY TO MAKE ANYTHING HIMSELF
EVEN THOUGH HE'S LIKE THAT, HE STILL REALLY LOVES SWEETS
...YOU REMEMBER WELL

OF COURSE
I'M HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND, AFTER ALL

ALRIGHT SAY HI TO HIM FOR ME!
IF KOU-KUN GOES TO YOUR PLACE,
SHARE YOUR SALTED FISH WITH HIM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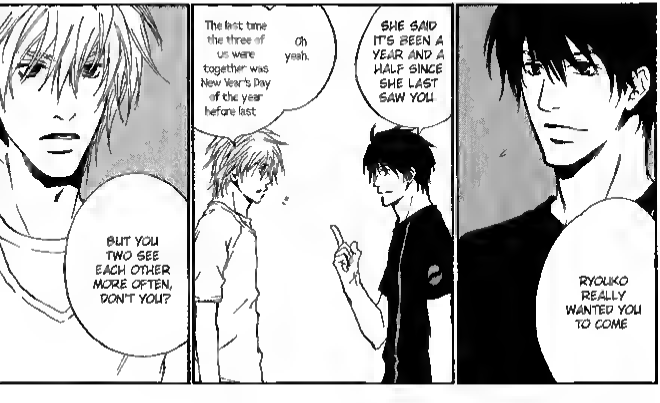
clack
clack
clack
clack
SOME-HOW
I'M GLAD THAT OTOJIMI DIDN'T COME
IT LOOKS LIKE RYOUKO STILL CARES ABOUT HIM A LOT
SHE CAN'T STILL BE HANGING ONTO HER FEELINGS FOR OTOJIMI

MAYBE...
I REALLY DIDN'T WANT OTOJIMI TO MEET HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND...
I HATE MYSELF FOR THINKING LIKE THIS BUT...

click
HEY
IS RYOUKO DOING ALRIGHT?
YEAH
SHE SEEMED MORE THAN READY TO GO ON VACATION
THANKS
HERE, SOUVENIR COOKIES FROM RYOUKO
YEAH
SENPAI TOLD ME TO GO HOME
YOU CAME BACK PRETTY EARLY TODAY

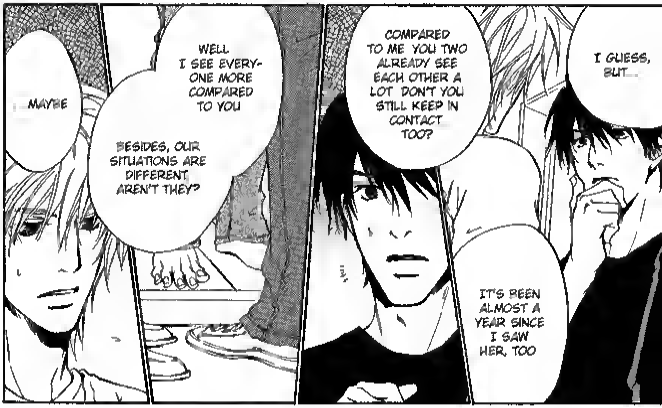
DO YOU WANT TO COME IN?
IT'S FINE I'M HEADING HOME TO SLEEP
I KEPT STARING OFF INTO SPACE TODAY WHEN I WAS WITH RYOUKO...
REALLY?
SHE TOLD ME THAT IF I WAS TIRED... THEN I SHOULD GO HOME AND REST...
SO WE SPLIT UP AFTER LUNCH

Up until now...

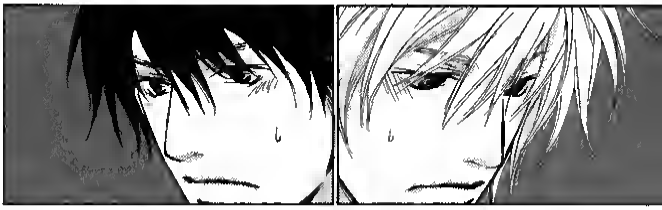

SHE SAID IT'S BEEN A YEAR AND A HALF SINCE SHE LAST SAW YOU.
The last time the three of us were together was New Year's Day of the year before last.
Oh yeah.
BUT YOU TWO SEE EACH OTHER MORE OFTEN, DON'T YOU?
RYOUKO REALLY WANTED YOU TO COME

We never had to search for meaning in each other's words.

Usually, it was easy to understand what he was thinking


...MAYBE
WELL I SEE EVERY-ONE MORE COMPARED TO YOU
BESIDES, OUR SITUATIONS ARE DIFFERENT, AREN'T THEY?
COMPARED TO ME YOU TWO ALREADY SEE EACH OTHER A LOT. DON'T YOU STILL KEEP IN CONTACT TOO?
I GUESS, BUT...
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE I SAW HER, TOO

And when I didn't understand, all I had to do was ask.



CAN I KISS YOU?
HUH?
...YOU "JUST FEEL LIKE IT" AGAIN?
NO...
RATHER, "I WANT TO."
CAN I?
NO—
I JUST
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY—

...DO WHAT YOU WANT.
Pain and calmness mixing together...

Do I want
to go forward...?

Or do I want to
return to the past...?

Is it even possible to go back...?

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YUKARI
DID HE COME OVER JUST TO GIVE ME THIS?
rustle
BUT
IT'S STILL FAR FROM BEING EXPIRED...
.....
WHAT'S WITH THAT...
11

WHAT AM I DOING...?
I ACTUALLY GAVE HIM A GOODNIGHT KISS...
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR THIS LONG AND I ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!!
But,
Touching his lips made me realize that
I really
wah—
wah
wah
wah
Current state

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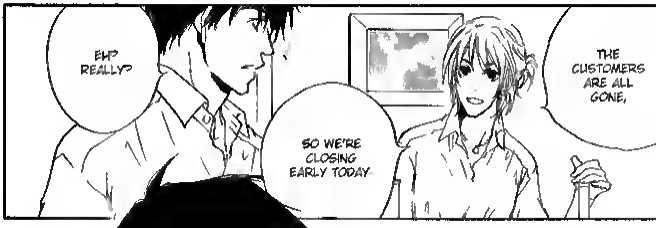
SO IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR A LOT TO HAVE CHANGED
NO WAIT
SINCE WE ALREADY DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WE CAN'T BE CONSIDERED NORMAL FRIENDS ANYMORE CAN WE?
YAJIMA-SAN,
EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT THE FACT
THAT I DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH A NORMAL FRIEND,


EH? REALLY?
SO WE'RE CLOSING EARLY TODAY
THE CUSTOMERS ARE ALL GONE,

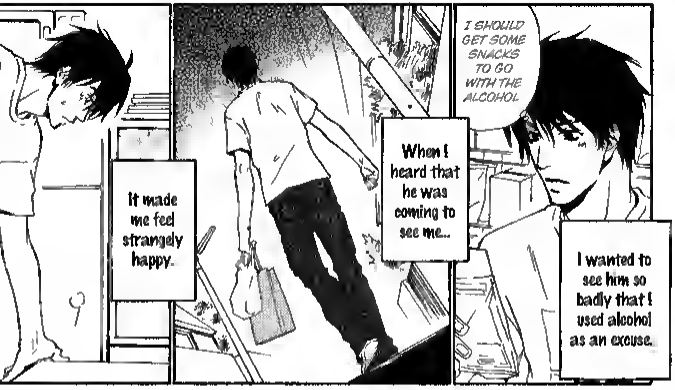
EH?
THAT WE'D HAVE A FAREWELL PARTY. HE'S GETTING THE ALCOHOL NOW!
SO THE OWNER SAID—
TODAY IS YOUR LAST DAY, RIGHT?

OH YEAH, HAVE YOU DECIDED ON YOUR NEXT JOB YET?
NO,
BUT I'LL BE STARTING SOME INTERVIEWS NEXT WEEK.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE EVEN HOLDING A FAREWELL PARTY FOR ME
Yeah...
GOOD WORK!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK UP UNTIL NOW!
YAJIMA-KUN,
cheers!
THAT'S GREAT! THEN IT'S OKAY TO DRINK SOMETHING HARDER, RIGHT?
.WHAT?
.YES?
OH SO YOU'RE STARTING NEXT WEEK
THAT MEANS YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK TOMORROW, RIGHT?
I ASKED AYA TO GET MY FAVORITE ALCOHOL JUST NOW.
clack
HEY, DAD!
HOW COULD YOU GUYS START WITHOUT ME?
wah
It's scotch whiskey.
You're pretty tolerant, so you can drink it straight.
wah
Ah, this smells really good.
Yeah!
Eh? I want to try it, too!
Yumi, will you be alright? This is really hard.
wah

Do you need me to help you carry the owner?
BY THE WAY, CAN I REALLY TAKE THE REST OF THE DRINKS?
TOMORROW'S A HOLIDAY ANYWAY
It's alright. He'll walk or wake him up.
REALLY? THEN I'LL TAKE IT
IT'S FINE
HE WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU AS A GIFT ANYWAY
The other part-timers already left.
GOSH, DAD IS REALLY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S THE FIRST TO DROP
AND THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME SO MANY THINGS
WELL... THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
OKAY I'LL TELL HIM WHEN HE WAKES UP
TELL THE OWNER I SAID THANK YOU ALSO
DON'T SAY THAT
WE HAVE TO THANK YOU, TOO. PLEASE COME BACK IF YOU HAVE TIME
THEN THIS IS IT
IF YOU'RE OPENING YOUR OWN STORE, THEN LET US KNOW!

I'LL BRING IT OVER TO OTOUMI'S NEXT TIME
.....
WELL I DID GET SOME GOOD ALCOHOL
SOMEHOW THIS FEELS LIKE AN ENDING
Café
HELLO
R R R R R R !
AN OTOUMI? IT'S YAJIMA! YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT YET? DO YOU NEED TO WORK TOMORROW?
HUH? NO
BUT WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY...
ALCOHOL?
WELL, I GOT A BOTTLE OF REALLY GOOD ALCOHOL JUST NOW WANT TO DRINK IT TOGETHER?
MY COWORKER'S HELP A FAREWELL PARTY FOR ME EARLIER WE ALREADY OPENED IT BUT...
WAS TODAY YOUR LAST DAY AT THE CAFE ?
YEAH
I'LL BRING IT OVER TO YOUR PLACE SO WANT TO DRINK?

EH?
BEEP
OTOUMI...?
I'LL GO TO YOUR PLACE
GO HOME AND STAY PUT, ALRIGHT?
He's definitely drunk
DON'T FALL ASLEEP UNTIL I GET THERE!
YOU DRANK A LOT ALREADY, DIDN'T YOU?
Your attitude...
IT'S FINE! I'M NOT THAT DRUNK
I'M STILL BY THE CAFE RIGHT NOW SO IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO GET TO YOUR PLACE
HE'S COMING OVER?
I even think it's amusing myself


I SHOULD GET SOME SNACKS TO GO WITH THE ALCOHOL
I wanted to see him so badly that I used alcohol as an excuse.
When I heard that he was coming to see me...
It made me feel strangely happy.

ding dong
To think...

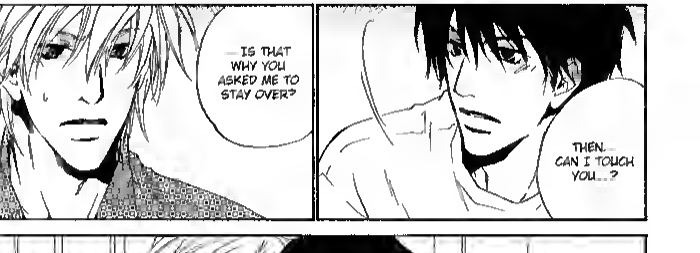
HEY
HEY
That these feelings have just begun to develop for Otowa.

Yeah...

That's right

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANTED TO DRINK, SO I DIDN'T BRING ANYTHING WITH ME
IS THIS IT? THE ONE YOU SAID WAS GOOD...
YEAH...
I SUGGEST YOU DRINK IT STRAIGHT, BUT HOW DO YOU WANT TO DRINK IT?

OR DO YOU DISLIKE STAYING OVER HERE?
I DIDN'T SAY THAT...
NOT REALLY
THEN STAY OVER.
BUT YOU'RE NOT IN A HURRY.
ARE YOU? DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO?


...IS THAT WHY YOU ASKED ME TO STAY OVER?
THEN... CAN I TOUCH YOU...?

...THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY IT...

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AH...
AH...
HEY...
USE YOUR HAND TOO...
NN...
AH...
NN...!
AH
AH
NN
MM...

Otoumi
I like you.
.....

OTOUMI-KUN,
CAN YOU RUN AN ERRAND FOR ME?
SURE
THEN,
I'LL GIVE TACHIBANA-SAN A CONFIRMATION CALL LATER.

UM...
OH!
THEN I'M LEAVING
OH, OKAY
THANKS
OH, AND THIS IS FOR NAKAZAWA-SAN, FROM KIUCHI
UH THAT IS...
WHISPER
DID EVERYTHING GO OKAY WITH "HIM" AFTER THAT?
YEAH,
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT

I GUESS...
GENERALLY SPEAKING
I like you...
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT FROM HIM...
IT'S JUST...
R R R
IT'S ME
I FOUND A PRETTY GOOD CAFE BY YOUR PLACE

NO... IT'S A LITTLE FAR FROM THE TRAIN STATION
SO I MIGHT JUST BUY A CAR...
IS THAT NECESSARY?
THEIR COFFEE IS REALLY GOOD AND I LIKE THE ATMOSPHERE A LOT
I HEARD THAT ON THE WEEKENDS AT NIGHT, IT TURNS INTO A BAR CALLED "JA! JAM"
HAVE YOU HEARD OF IT?
AFTER ASKING AROUND I FOUND OUT THAT THEY MIGHT BE HIRING
SO I WAS THINKING OF TRYING THIS ONE
WILL YOU NEED TO TAKE A TRAIN TO WORK?
NO
I haven't
YOU...
I
ALSO, IT'S REALLY CLOSE TO YOUR PLACE
I CAN DROP BY AFTER WORK SO THAT'S GOOD TOO, RIGHT?
EH— BUT IT REALLY IS BETTER THAN THE STORES AROUND MY AREA SO I THOUGHT IF I COULD REALLY WORK THERE...
DON'T BE HASTY
THINK ABOUT IT MORE CAREFULLY!
DID YOU... LOOK FOR A PLACE IN THIS AREA ON PURPOSE?
EH— YEAH I DID THINK ABOUT THAT
ARE YOU STUPID!?

HUH? WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU...
YOU LET YOUR FEELINGS LEAD YOU BY THE NOSE
AFTER YOU "JUST FELT LIKE" TOUCHING ME
BUT THAT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT AT ALL!
ON A WHIM...
IF YOU'RE DOING THIS ON A WHIM, YOU'LL DEFINITELY REGRET IT!
I JUST HONESTLY THINK IT'D BE EASIER TO MEET LIKE THIS WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SAYING I WANT TO MOVE
BESIDES...
I'M NOT GOING TO CONSIDER A CAFE THAT I DON'T THINK IS GOOD
WELL I CAN LOOK INTO MORE STORES THAT WAY TOO
IF THAT'S NOT BEING HASTY, THEN WHAT IS IT?
BUYING A CAR JUST TO WORK HERE...
mm!
...I'M NOT BEING HASTY!
HOLD ON A SECOND!
JUST WHAT DID YOU MAKE OF MY CONFESSION LAST TIME...!?
.....!
AFTER YOU'VE CALMED DOWN, YOU DON'T WANT TO FIND YOURSELF REGRETTING IT, DO YOU?
I'M JUST SAYING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T DECIDE WHERE TO WORK BASED ON A MOMENTARY FEELING

YOU "JUST FELT LIKE" SAYING IT, DIDN'T YOU?
click

beep
DID HE REALLY THINK I CONFESSED ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT?
HE TOTALLY IGNORED MY FEELINGS
IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO TELL A MALE FRIEND "I LIKE YOU!"
DAMN IT!!
clack

I thought... he'd be happy...

IT'S NOT THAT OTOUMI WAS COMPLETELY WRONG...
THAT'S RIGHT! I DID GET EXCITED AFTER TOUCHING HIM!
THE RESULT WAS ALSO SOMETHING SIMPLE-MINDED!
BUT I'M NOT SOME KID THAT'S ALWAYS LED AROUND BY THE MOOD!

To me, Otoumi has already become more than a friend.

It isn't just my imagination.

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蓮のことを好きだと自覚した音海と、
音海の好きな相手が自分ではないかと気付き始めた蓮。
そして「なんとなく」音海にキスをし、身体を重ねてしまった蓮に
音海はいらだちを隠せないでいた。
「友人」としての時間が長いふたりは、
すぐ「恋人」にはなれないでいて――!?

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# 瞳の追うのは

# ストーキングベイベー

Stalking Babe

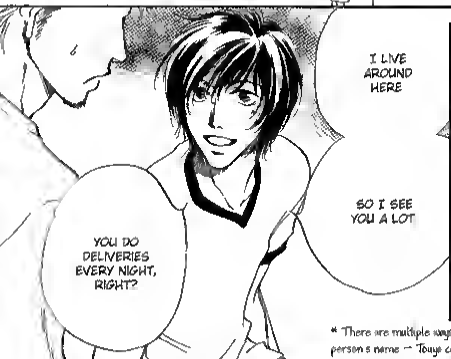
Two days ago
I became aware
of his gaze.

He'd always appear at the same place, at the same time.
Ever since three days ago,
Our Store
Current Location
Tenshin House
Originally, I thought he was one of those loitering brats outside the convenience store, but it doesn't seem like he is.
It's not that he can't stand in front of our store, but..
Here
Convenience Store
.....

HEY.
YOU'VE BEEN COMING HERE PRETTY FREQUENTLY.
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING?
It bothers me.
AH, YOU SAW ME?
NO WONDER OUR EYES KEPT MEETING TODAY.
ARE YOU AN IDIOT? IF YOU STAY HERE EVERY DAY, I'D NOTICE YOU EVEN IF I DIDN'T WANT TO
WHO ARE YOU!?

Even with that smile on his face, it seems that he has somewhat peculiar likings.

I could've just ignored him, but..




* There are multiple ways of pronouncing the characters (kanji) in a person's name -- Touya can also be pronounced Fujiya, which is the name of a nationwide chain of confectionary stores in Japan. Their store mascot is Peko-chan, hence his nickname.

*Titles such as "san" are used in politeness, especially towards those older than you
YASUTO?
YASUTO.
SO YOUR NAME IS YASUTO!
ADD "SAN" TO IT! "SAN!"*
Sma
c
k
OW!
SO I WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU LOOK WHEN YOU WORK.
YOU...
STOP CALLING ME "YOU," WILL YOU?
It's really irritating...
THEN TELL ME YOUR NAME
.....
LET ME TELL YOU THIS
I'M A COLLEGE STUDENT RIGHT NOW
shoo shoo
I'M JUST DOING DELIVERIES TO HELP OUT MY FAMILY
SO IF YOU WANT TO WATCH A "SERIOUS MAN," YOU'D BETTER FIND SOMEONE ELSE!

YASU! HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE ON BREAK? HURRY UP AND MAKE THE NEXT DELIVERY!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
click
ALRIGHT I'M LEAVING
SO HE LEFT

Six Box Carries six bowls
Eight Box Carries eight
(Delivery Boxes)
Why didn't you say so earlier?
Why did you bring a six box?
I wanted an eight!
What he said bothered me a little.
But I didn't want to get involved with some dangerous kid, so I drove him away
Or, so I thought...

HELLO!

I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL IS THIS FUN OR SOMETHING?
YEP!
AS I THOUGHT, SERIOUS MEN HAVE REALLY NICE BACKS
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
TO SEE YASUTO-SAN ♡
clack
clack
clack
.....

IF YOU COME HERE EVERY NIGHT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS,
WON'T YOUR PARENTS GET MAD AT YOU?
OH, DON'T WORRY THEY'RE NOT HERE

SO I'LL BE ALONE WHEN I GO HOME, TOO.
NO ONE WILL CARE IF I HANG AROUND OUTSIDE
AH, NO, THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.
EH...?
IT'S JUST THAT I'M LIVING ALONE RIGHT NOW FOR CERTAIN REASONS.
BUT ONLY UNTIL THE END OF THIS SEMESTER.
.....
DON'T COME TOMORROW
EH.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE ANYTHING ON A HOLIDAY ANYWAY

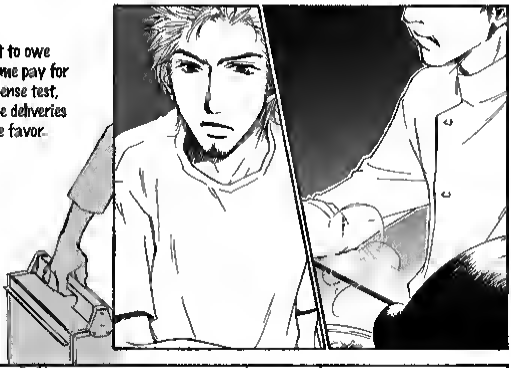
I GOT REALLY BAD GRADES ON MY FINALS...
So eventually, I ended up chatting with Touya in between deliveries.
THEN I'LL SEE YOU THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW!
YASUTO-SAN, DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LECTURE ME?
WHO TOLD YOU TO WANDER AROUND ALL THE TIME?
GO STUDY!
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME MY GRADES AREN'T ACTUALLY THAT BAD
LIAR! I CAN'T TELL AT ALL!
YOU DON'T NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF TO COME...
Our conversations were usually trivial, and lasted less than five minutes.. But they actually weren't that bad
OW!
smack
WHAT A RUDE KID!
But sometimes, Touya brought things up that were bothering me at the time.
I M SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL GOING TO COLLEGE
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SUCCEED THE FAMILY BUSINESS ONE DAY, GRADES WON'T MATTER RIGHT?

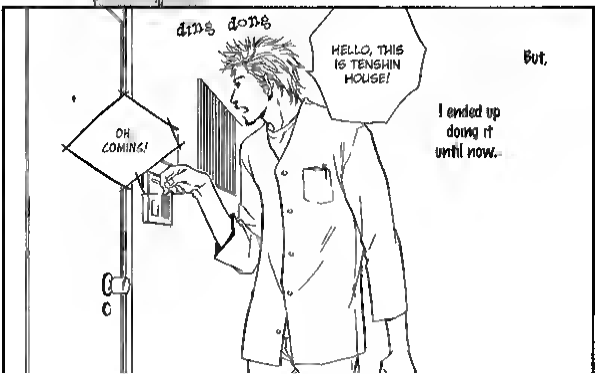
BECAUSE I'M NOT PLANNING ON TAKING OVER THE BUSINESS.
I NEED THE EDUCATION
EH!?
WHY?
ALRIGHT, I HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK
YOU SHOULD GO HOME TOO
Now that I think about it, maybe that was my rebellion period.
Slam

My family wanted me to take over the family business, but I hate having someone else decide my future for me.
So I always fought with my parents.
I never said I wanted to be in the kitchen!
You made me help when I didn't understand anything! Don't decide things on your own!
Even though I said all that to my parents,
I didn't really have anything I specifically wanted to do.
TENSHIN HOUSE MAY I HELP YOU?
AH THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE
OKAY, TWICE COOKED PORK WITH WONTON NOODLES AND DUMPLINGS *
ring
ring
sizzle

*Twice Cooked Pork (Hui Guo Rou) - Sichuan style Chinese dish that involves first boiling pork and then frying it

OKAY
DAD AN ORDER FROM WORKS COMPANY
Twice cooked pork with wonton noodles and dumplings.


I didn't want to owe dad for helping me pay for my driver's license test, so I helped make deliveries to return the favor.


ding dong
HELLO, THIS IS TENSHIN HOUSE!
OH COMING!
But,
I ended up doing it until now.

glance
TOUYA...?
SMILE
SO THIS IS WHERE HE LIVES ?
Maybe that's why it bothered me so much when Touya called me a "serious man."

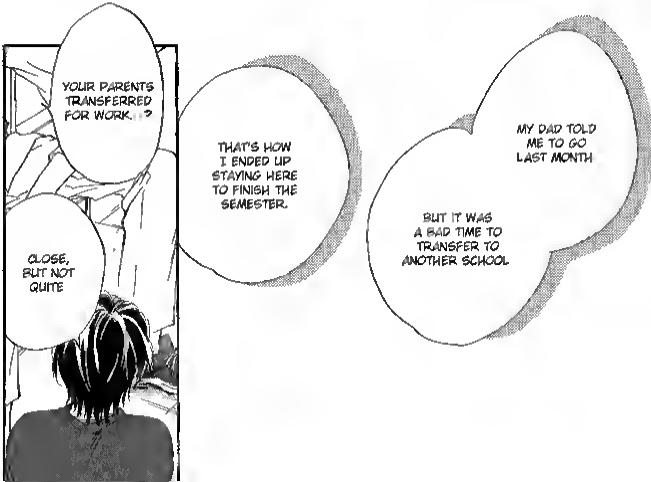
HE ALWAYS COMES TO THE SIDE DOOR TO FIND ME
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S EVER EATEN INSIDE
HAS HE BEEN EATING PROPERLY? I DON'T THINK HE COOKS FOR HIMSELF
WELL, I GUESS IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS
vroom
Bliss

Huh?

Date!?

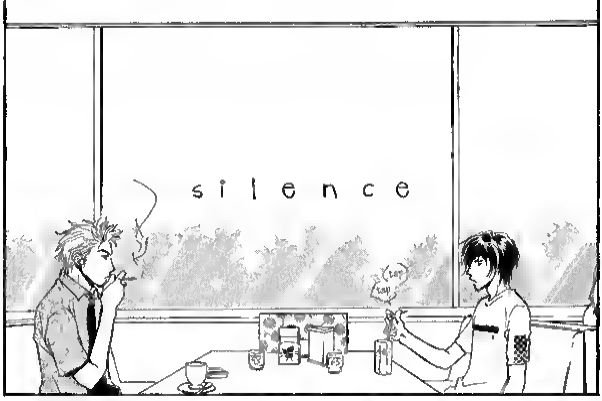
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I'M LIVING ALONE RIGHT NOW.
MY PARENTS ALREADY MOVED TO KYUUSHUU *
I HAVE TO MOVE THERE NEXT WEEK, TOO
I'LL BE LEAVING SOON
WHY DO I HAVE TO...
BESIDES, TWO GUYS GOING OUT ISN'T A DATE, RIGHT...!?

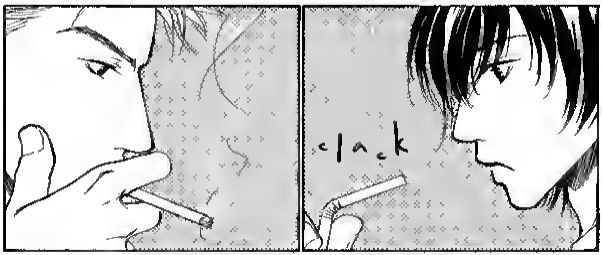
*Kyuushuu = the most southerly and westerly of Japan's four main islands


YOUR PARENTS TRANSFERRED FOR WORK...?
CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE
THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP STAYING HERE TO FINISH THE SEMESTER.
MY DAD TOLD ME TO GO LAST MONTH
BUT IT WAS A BAD TIME TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

MY DAD IS A WANDERING CHEF IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.
What is that?
HE QUIT HIS ORIGINAL JOB, LEAVING MY MOM AND I BEHIND.
THEN, HE FINALLY FOUND A STORE THAT WAS WILLING TO TAKE HIM IN AS AN APPRENTICE. SO HE TOLD US TO MOVE THERE
SO
I WANTED TO SPEND MY LAST FEW DAYS HERE WITH YASUTO-SAN
I'LL COME BY AGAIN TOMORROW AFTER NOON IF YOU HAVE TIME. HANG OUT WITH ME
rustle

TOO BAD IT'S RAINING TODAY...
drip
YEAH... BUT SINCE YASUTO-SAN WAS STILL WILLING TO COME OUT WITH ME I DON'T MIND
BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D BE GROSSED OUT BY A DATE
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO USED THAT STORY TO CONVINCE ME
drip
YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD BE CONVINCED BY JUST THAT
drip
SO I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU CAME.
drip
AH
THE RAIN STOPPED.
THEN IT SHOULDN'T HAVE RAINED TO BEGIN WITH! GEEZ
COME ON, LET'S ORDER SOMETHING



HEY...

UM...

ACTUALLY DIDN'T WANT TO GO ON A DATE TODAY
I WANTED TO GO TO YASUTO-SAN'S PLACE TO EAT
I...
.....
HIP HIP
SIP
BUT LAST TIME, YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T BE TAKING OVER THE BUSINESS
SO I GAVE IT UP
.....
SORRY

AND THEN
I'D ALWAYS SEE SOMEONE STANDING AT THE COUNTER
.....
SINCE I STARTED LIVING ALONE,
I ATE A FEW TIMES AT YOUR STORE.
I WAS CURIOUS. SO I KEPT WATCHING THAT PERSON. HE'D NEVER GO INTO THE KITCHEN, BUT—
I FOUND OUT THAT HE'D WATCH HIS FATHER'S EVERY MOVE IN COMPLETE SERIOUSNESS UNTIL EACH DISH WAS COMPLETE
YASUTO-SAN,
IF YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE REGRETS ABOUT SOMETHING, YOU SHOULD DO IT.
SEEING YOU LIKE THAT MADE ME UNDERSTAND MY DAD'S FEELINGS A BIT
I SAID I'M SORRY!

AFTER SEEING MY DAD QUIT HIS OLD JOB,
AND START A NEW LIFE SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY REGRETS...
THIS IS WHAT I THINK.
I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HIS FEELINGS.
I ALSO HAVE TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS... SO TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I'M A LITTLE ANGRY
BUT... IF YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE REGRETS ABOUT SOMETHING, YOU SHOULD DO IT UNTIL YOU'RE COMPLETELY SATISFIED.

THE ONLY THING I CAN'T LET GO OF RIGHT NOW IS PROBABLY THE FACT THAT I STILL WANT TO BE WITH YABUTO-SAN
BUT. I GUESS THESE ARE TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT THINGS
STUPID. .
Honestly, what am I doing..?
This isn't something that a high school kid should be telling me...
IT WAS FUN TODAY
THANKS!
THEN THAT'S IT FOR NOW

TOLIYA
YOU SAID YOU'RE MOVING NEXT WEEK. SO...
WILL YOU COME TOMORROW?

I DON'T KNOW
I STILL HAVE TO PACK
Bye. Work hard on your deliveries

Really...
What am I doing...?
ジャッ!
sfx: flip
OH GOOD YOU'RE BACK
CAN YOU GO DO SOME DELIVERIES?
IT'S FOR YAMADA-SAN IN THE THIRD CITY DISTRICT
OH, OKAY
SIZZLE

click
clack
D-D...
clunk

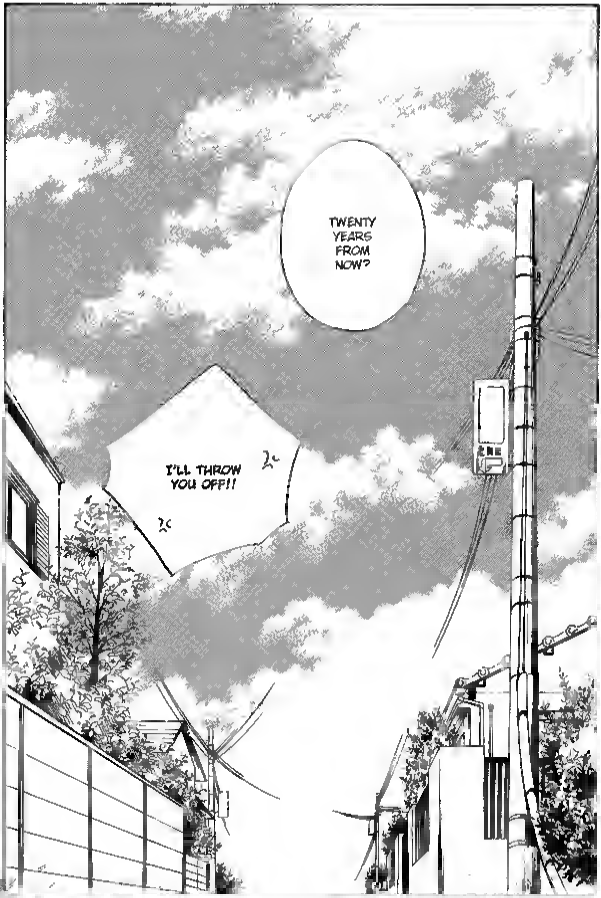
I WANT TO STAND IN THE KITCHEN
EH?
dug dug - dug dug
AND BESIDES. HOW DID YOU KNOW I'D BE HERE?
YOU WANT TO EAT WITH ME?
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN.
BECAUSE I SAW YOU HERE LAST TIME

THEN
BARBEQUE PORK NOODLES
MY TREAT PICK ANYTHING YOU WANT
THERE YOU GO
tap
THANKS
sip
sip
Hot!
sip

click
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
WAS IT GOOD?
IT WAS REALLY GOOD.
GOOD! REMEMBER IT
THAT WAS MY DAD'S COOKING
WHEN IT'S MY TURN IN THE KITCHEN,
YOU HAVE TO COME EAT HERE AGAIN

AH!
Sigh
Oh really?
You're the one who has to learn everything from scratch!
I'LL DEFINITELY LET YOU EAT SOMETHING EVEN BETTER!
SIR, YOU'D BETTER COME BACK IN ANOTHER 20 YEARS
Wha
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 20 YEARS!
DO YOU THINK IT'S THAT EASY TO SURPASS ME? IDIOT!
WHAT!?
THIS IS ALL YOUR LUGGAGE?
YEAH, I GAVE EVERYTHING ELSE TO THE MOVING COMPANY

HEHE, I REALLY LIKE YASUTO-SAN! ♡
I DON'T WANT TO GET ARRESTED, SO LET'S GO AROUND THE BACK.
OKAY!
VROOM
ISN'T THIS THE DELIVERY BIKE?
WHERE'S THE BOX IN THE BACK?
That delivery box.
You can wear Land's helmet.
I CAN'T DRIVE YOU WITH THE BOX THERE
I TOOK IT OFF ESPECIALLY FOR YOU SO THANK ME!
Even though they're both wearing helmets he'd get arrested for an ex-a passenger
YOU, TOO
YOU HAVE TO COME AND EAT MY COOKING.
I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I GET THERE
OKAY
SO YOU HAVE TO HURRY UP AND WORK IN THE KITCHEN, TOO
YEAH

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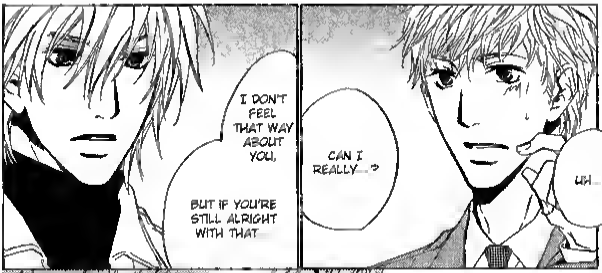
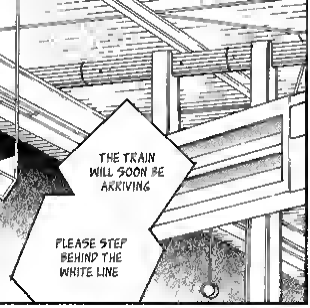

UH...
CAN I REALLY...?
I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU,
BUT IF YOU'RE STILL ALRIGHT WITH THAT

Just once is enough. Being able to touch him is enough.
The moment we kissed, I was really happy—
But—
And my feelings of happiness turned into pain.
After the kiss, he said one thing.
SORRY...
THANK YOU.

.....
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
UM...
IT'S PAST 12
I THINK THIS IS IT BUT
glance
Sobered up as time passed.
WHAT...
DON'T ASK ME WHAT TO DO
EH...
THEN... UH...
I'LL...
ATTACK YOU...?
shift

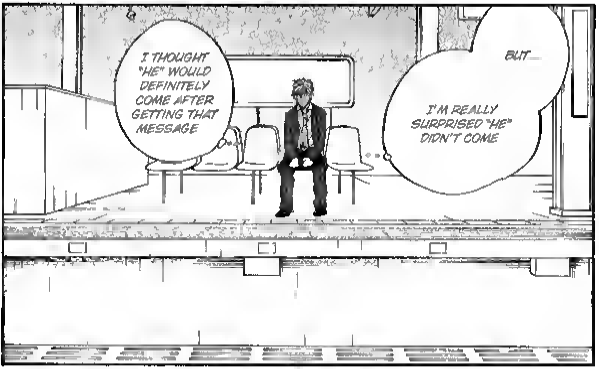
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO HIT ME?
IF YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT
THEN CAN I JUST TOUCH YOU ...?
TOUCH WHERE?
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES
I didn't know
I was always watching his cool and attractive face.
But ever since he rejected me, I've seen many other expressions... Ones that I hadn't seen before.

THEN... A KISS?
WE ALREADY KISSED ONCE WHEN YOU ASKED FOR IT.
IT SHOULD BE FINE RIGHT?
THAT WAY, I CAN LEAVE THESE FEELINGS FOR YOU BEHIND
And I know...
It's because of that person.




I'm really useless.

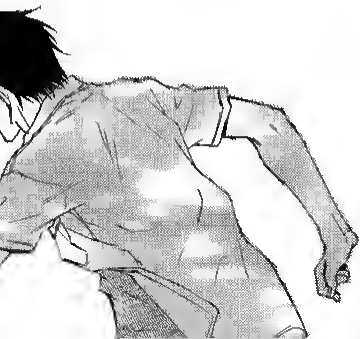
I was close to tears...



After being rejected, I like Otoumi more and more.

And because I like him,

I wish him happiness..



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# あとがき

高校生時の秋葉と七海。
学校帰りの寄り道。

●この本を手に取って下さって、ありがとうございます。2巻目です。1巻目でカミ69なるものが登場してびっくりされた方が、たってすが、今回はでちゃんと、正体いきます！ 期待せずに、ゆっくり。

●読み切りの方は、主たちもそれぞれ成長なんだなに、引越しの時のバタバタで、原稿紛失が一番つらいです（どこかに紛れ込んでいるとは思いたいけど）。ほぼ見直しています。これは少しなんとかしようかな、なう感じの青春ラブコメかも。また当時の担当様は、本頭がよろしくなったことを後悔（たぶんは…スミマセンでした）イラストをみて、元バイト先のお客様に出しながら描いていたので、思い出深くもあります。ちなみに「ちゃが」。

●「時の迷い人」は、まだもう少し続きます。また今までページ入れたりますが、2巻でも描ききれるお話で収まらず、3巻でも描いています。あれいろいろとやってきて、ラストいきなりこの2巻目から、読んでも…という方は、どうぞ1巻も手に取ってやって下さい。

ここからは、楽しんで頂けましたでしょうか。

最後になりましたが、

手伝って下さった、ふらぷ。うえな、麻樹さん、猫子さん、はやりんさん、ふみうさん、

そして担当様、本当にありがとうございます！